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In re application of:
Hofstraat et al.

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For: Diagnostic Neodymium (III)
Ytterbium (III) or Erbium (III)
Ion-Ligand Complexes

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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences
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X This application was assigned to Universiteit Van Amsterdam on February 14,
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Frame0804. Assignee is entitled to claim small entity status under 37 CFR
1.9(e) and 1.27(d)

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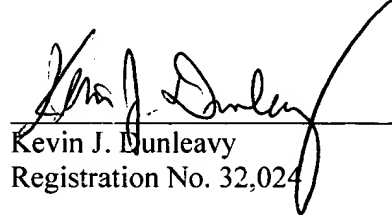
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